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Elba Courthouse returning to normal

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Finally, after nearly six months, Elba Courthouse offices are returning home while others are relocating into their original offices from temporary spaces in the facility. Someone has tied a large yellow ribbon around the large pecan tree on the courthouse square to signify their return home.

Probate Judge Bill Gamill announced Monday that his office staff is now back in the Elba office. The only service still remaining in the temporary office in New Brockton is deed/title/mortgage recording and the records.



Residents of Elba can now obtain their car tags and renew their driver's licenses back in Elba.

In the near future, according to Commission Chairman Robert Stephens, some rearranging will be

done on the second floor of the courthouse to make room for storing county records (deeds, mortgages, court records, etc.) out of the probate office and circuit clerk's office. It is hoped that no records will be stored downstairs.

The Revenue Commissioner's office "came home" just over a week ago and is back in its regular location ready to do business.

The courthouse has a new roof and all the offices have new furniture (almost all new) and carpet. The roof and tower on the building had been

damaged by lightning and had been replaced by ESMAC of Enterprise. Bad weather plagued the contractor while the work was in progress and did additional damage to the building. Some of the finished flood repair work had to be redone due to water damage caused by heavy rains and strong winds.

Stephens noted that all of the repair work done to the Elba Courthouse was funded with money from flood and fire insurance policies the county had on the facility - more than \$500,000.00.

The work on the halls and walls in the downstairs area of the courthouse should be finished within the next few weeks as well as other odds and ins in need of repair.

All the employees of the Elba facility expressed their "relief" of being back in their office. "We're glad to be back home" was the general response when asked their feelings about being back.



WOODMEN OF THE WORLD OFFICE OPENS. The official opening of the Woodmen of The World was held last week. Several members and guests toured the new office and enjoyed refreshments and fellowship. Pictured above are: Charles Windham, Woodmen of The World State Fraternal Coordinator; David Upchurch, Woodmen of The World State Manager; Linda and Chip Westbrook, Woodmen of The World Field Representatives. The Woodmen's office is located at 510 W. Simmons Street in Elba and the phone number is 897-2669.

New Brockton Town Council works on ordinances

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council, with all members present,

wasted little time in attending to the town's business Monday evening. Council members zipped through the 11-item agenda in less than thirty minutes.

A resolution (98-003) allowing the mayor to enter into an agreement (Construction Agreement for Project ER-731) with the Alabama Department of Transportation on behalf of the town was passed by the council. This was done in order to obtain state funds for road repair (Tyler Street) within the town.

A change to the town's zoning ordinance was approved by the council. This change will allow certain property belonging to the Peacocks to be rezoned to mixed unit development in lieu of commercial. This change was unanimously approved and recommended by the members of the town's planning commission.

Mayor Britt Lee made several recommendations to the council which were approved unanimously by the members. One, he recommended that the "old jail building" be torn down, two, the September meeting be held on Monday the 14th instead of the 7th; and three, reappointed

Joe Simmons to the recreation board and appointed Linda Roberts to the planning commission. Roberts will also serve on the board of adjustments.

Mayor Lee told council members that he still had two appointments to make — one to the recreation board and another to the board of adjustments.

Under the heading of "unfinished business," the council approved the usage of the magistrate's fine schedule under Ordinance 98-01 and the implementation of the new "animal ordinance" 98-02.

While on the discussion of ordinances, an amended version of the "Junk Vehicle Ordinance - 98-04" was passed unanimously and implemented by the town council.

Bills totaling \$30,450.00 were approved for payment with the mayor commenting that they were higher than usual due to the month having three payroll periods. Lee noted that this will leave the town with about \$32,000.00 in the bank.

"We're still not getting very much in at this particular time. It's slow," said Mayor Lee.

Members of the council were asked by the mayor to begin reviewing the proposed fiscal year '99 budget and be prepared to discuss it at the next working session on the third

Monday of the month. He noted that he and the town clerk, Annette Williams, have recommended several changes for the council to consider in the proposed budget.

In the absence of Police Chief Charles Driggers, Officer Brian Lusher gave council members a report on the department's activities for the month. He stated that officers investigated 10 complaints, one automobile accident with no injuries, made three arrests, and issued 18 traffic citations. The rescue squad made 8 runs and the fire department responded to 3 calls.

Lusher told council members that 14 stray dogs were picked up and taken to the dog pound in Elba.

Before adjourning, Council person Linda Gilbert stated that open house and dedication ceremonies will be held for the new fire and rescue building on Saturday, September 26, 1998, at 2:00 p.m.

"This is something [fire and rescue building] we're proud of as a town," said Mayor Lee. "It's something that can serve all the town even when we have the things like the flood earlier...it is well equipped."

The next meeting of the New Brockton Town Council will be Monday, September 14, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

Grave robbers arrested and recovered remains reinterred

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department has signed warrants and juvenile petitions on three persons alleged to have robbed a grave near Kinston, AL.

Arrested were Sanchez Lamar Peacock, 22, of Opp, AL and Joey C. Preston, 18, of Samson. A 15 year-old female is also being questioned in the case.

The two men are being held in the Coffee County Jail in New Brockton on a \$25,000 bond.

A skull and several skeletal remains believed to be those of Annie Lee Page, a 32-year-old female, have been recovered. She was buried more than 100 years ago in Old Town Cemetery located in a wooded area near the Pea River just north of Kinston.

The investigation began over a week ago when Opp police reported to Coffee County authorities the possibility of a grave being dug up in the county.

The arrest of the two men came during the investigation into a burglary that occurred at C.C. Bess' Store which is located in the area of the graveyard. They had been charged with the alleged burglary after a tip from an informant had been received by authorities.

News Brief

The Elba Public Library will open for business on Monday, August 10, with hours as follows: Monday, Thursday and Friday - open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.; Tuesday - open from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.; and Wednesday - open from 9 a.m. until noon. All persons having books checked out before the flood are asked to bring them to the library or drop them in the book return located outside the library.

County BOE makes final preparations

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday, July 28, to attend to "last minute" items of business before the beginning of the 1998-99 school year.

The board accepted the lone bid from Air Control of Opp, AL for the installation of air conditioning and heating units at the Project Independence School located in New Brockton. Their bid was \$8,200.00.

Also, Bob Taylor's Home Services of Opp was given the go-ahead on the installation of carpet and floor tile at Project Independence. They submitted the low bid of \$2,061.26.

Several personnel changes and new-hire recommendations by Supt. Bowden were presented to and approved by the members of the board.

They were as follows:

***Accepted the resignation of Lori Cotney as English teacher at Zion Chapel High School (ZCHS).

***Accepted the resignation of Ann Barnes as sixth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School (NBES).

***Employed Lisa Colvin as a fifth grade teacher at NBES.

***Employed Mi Kim as a fourth grade teacher at NBES.

***Employed Christie Tomberlin as a sixth grade teacher at NBES.

***Employed Tami Crosby as a science teacher at New Brockton High School (NBHS).

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Sheriff's department investigating New Brockton man's disappearance

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department is looking into the disappearance of a new Brockton man.

Terry D. Allums, age 36, was last seen on Saturday afternoon, July 25, when he told his wife, Glenda, he was going to walk to a nearby fish pond; however, she didn't report him missing until the following Tuesday morning, July 28.

Authorities from several local law enforcement agencies assisted by rescue personnel did a ground search and aerial search of the area located along AL Hwy. 51 North. They also drug the pond but did not find anything to indicate that

Allums was in the water.

Canines had led the searchers to the pond but the area had already been "tracked up" by searchers.

The missing man's wife told authorities that her husband had left home for a couple of days at the time in the past, but he had always called and let her know that he was alright.

At the present time law enforcement officials do not suspect any foul play in Allums' disappearance.

Anyone who has seen or knows Allums' possible whereabouts is asked to call the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at 894-5535 or their local police department.

OPINION

BRAINSTORMS

Last Friday morning Mayor James Grimes called us to a meeting in his office where grocery store was the subject of discussion. While the one hour meeting with Grimes and one of the major players in the field left us more informed of the problems, it did not give us what the people of Elba want... the date for the opening of another grocery store in Elba. We did learn that a hold-up in getting a store in the former Big Bear building is because the lease on the building is in court litigation. That may last a couple of weeks - or months. The new Family Dollar building will be finished in a few weeks and that will leave the old Big Bear facility ready for expansion into the 20,000 some all potential operators seem to want... when everything else is settled! Folks, there are all kinds of people interested in opening a grocery store in Elba, but something always seems to hold up the signing of papers on any of the five or six locations under consideration for a supermarket. As our being there was to get up to speed on the status of the project(s), the questions were pointed and intended to learn as well as to quell a few of the rumors being circulated. One firm wants to lease at what is called "less than fair rent factor," another wants a building without a lease, one is looking to borrow a half million dollars, then there are several who are interested but don't want to even talk as long as there are court proceedings ongoing concerning existing building leases. Hang in there Elba, we honestly believe things are going to get better in the future (and we mean near future).

Another meeting held in Elba last week was attended by the Alabama Development Office (ADO) folks. They encouraged Elba folks to network with existing Elba industry in efforts to expand the local work force. They also offered suggestions on how to be prepared to attract these related (and other) businesses. It sounded positive for the future of Elba.

Alabama farmers need to take a few minutes to thank our Alabama legislative delegation in Washington. It was their upmost which regained the cotton farmers right to plow up their cotton crops this year, collect their crop insurance and avoid paying for some chemical company services no longer needed. This might not seem like a lot to some folks, but to that farmer out there, already losing a year's work... it means a whole lot (like survival).

The past week has seen some positive words coming down the pike for Elba citizens. First, we had an upbeat meeting of the Governor's Flood Recovery Task Force last Thursday. Elba has not been forgotten! There were reps from EMA, SE Ala Regional Planning Commission, HUD, Choctawhatchee-Pea-Yellow River Watershed Authority, ADECA, FEMA and with the best news - the Army Corp of Engineers. It was refreshing to hear that the Corp office in Mobile has finally gotten the word on the \$5 million legislative appropriation to work on the levee and instructions to get the ball rolling on this project. FEMA and HUD assured us the money will get there for the much discussed and discussed "buy-out program" and ADECA continues to help with ideas on how to work with the rules, etc.

Also the guidelines are in and work is finally getting underway on establishing the official plan to qualify for the buy-out funds from both the \$250,000 CDBG grant and those elusive FEMA funds. We are not sure how successful Elba folks can be in drawing up such a plan without any idea how much money will be available, but... that is where we are getting help from EMA, Lee Helms, state director of FEMA is working on that item. We saw a letter this week, written to James L. Whit... you know, he is the federal man on the helicopter right after the flood talking about all the money to buy out things. It is an effort to get some idea on how much money will be coming to Alabama from those special disaster aid funds. It is gonna work!

Elba folks should also give Commissioner Robert Stephens a call, or even a neck hug. The Elba courthouse is beginning to reopen and Robert has spent many hours anguishing over this matter. At times he has had to fight for things needed in the courthouse. While he wouldn't ever say that... we will and do so right now. Commissioner, we thank you.

Along after mid-day Sunday, Hedy and yours truly were ripping down the highway dressed in our Sunday best and here comes a rattlesnake crawling out of the grass on the shoulder of the road, just like he had good sense. We were in Hedy's car and had nothing at all with which to kill a snake, but that didn't stop us from attacking. By the time we stopped and turned around the snake was back in the high grass. We drove in after it, even though nothing was visible but high grass. Apparent fear of the car wheels turned the snake back onto the highway. A good aim and a bushel of luck got the car wheel on his head just as we hit the brakes. That maneuver mashed the rattler's head and after a couple more stabs at another skid on him, we came on to Elba confident of having prevented at least one person or one pet from getting bitten by a poisonous snake.

All the above is good stuff. We are going to get the levee fixed, help some other folks move out of harms way, the climate looks good for Elba industry, the courthouse is reopening and a mean old rattlesnake is dead. It makes a person feel so good!

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

July 28 thru August 3, 1998

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of July 28, 1998 through August 3, 1998. They were: Martha Senn, Sharon Grant, Gladys Brooks, Betty Spurlin, Mardie Cole, Woodrow Young, Betty Sandarius Reed, Arthur Ott, Sarah Oswald, William S. Prior, Lillie Johnson, Beatrice Carley, Lena Rushing, Alberta Martin, and Ollie Mae Stallings.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Mary Cooper, Lola Thomas, Fern Boland, Leroy Cole, Grace Lawford, Sharon Grant, Gladys Brooks, Versie Mae Cole, Woodrow Young, Betty Spurlin, Mardie Daniels, Arthur Ott, Carol Harbuck, Joan Hobbs, Jessie Robinson, and Martha Senn.

Elba Police Report

July 27 Thru August 2, 1998

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 27, 1998, investigated the following incidents: two harassments, two burglaries, eight thefts of property, one death investigation, one missing person, one lost property, one criminal trespass, one theft of services, one rape, and one property damage.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear and one for theft of property.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: four for speeding, two for driving while driver's license are suspended, one for tag not being plainly visible, and one for driving while driver's license is revoked.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, JULY 27** - Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan (13:49 a.m.). River stage - 4.42 feet (6:15 a.m.); Fire Department dispatched to structure fire near Danley's Crossroads (11:23 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to residence on Lindsey Street (11:33 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on North Morrow Street (12:42 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Dothan (2:28 p.m.); Fight reported on Lee Street (7:14 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Mullins Apartment (7:55 p.m.); Wreck reported on Martin Luther King Drive (8:43 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 28 - River stage - 3.73 feet (6:11 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence at the corner of

Caroline Street and Reese Avenue (6:36 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Winston Avenue (1:54 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on AL Hwy. 167N (3:24 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 - Alarm at CarQuest (3:01 a.m.); River stage - 3.73 feet (6:11 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Lakewood Drive (9:20 a.m.); Alarm at Mr. Henry's (10:01 a.m.).

THURSDAY, JULY 30 - River stage - 7.08 feet (6:27 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Elba Chip Mill (10:39 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in the parking lot at SouthTrust Bank (4:12 p.m.); Fight reported on Caroline Street in Powell's Trailer Court (5:52 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Powell Circle (11:17 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JULY 31 - River stage - 7.13 feet (6:01 a.m.); Alarm at Kelly's Bar-B-Que (10:41 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on U.S. Hwy. 84W (12:50 p.m.); Prowler reported on Smith Avenue (10:05 p.m.); Burglary reported on Lee Street (10:37 p.m.); Alarm at Razzo's (10:41 p.m.); Alarm at Weeks' Tire Company (11:04 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 - Alarm at Kelly's Bar-B-Que (5:07 a.m.); River stage - 6.13 feet (6:00 a.m.); Fight reported at Mr. Henry's (10:24 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 - Disturbance reported in Little Beaver Trailer Court (1:01 a.m.); River stage - 5.10 feet (6:33 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Reese Avenue (10:59 a.m.).

EPA exam to be given at MacArthur on Thursday morning, August 13

MacArthur State Technical College will administer an EPA Certification Exam on Thursday,

Aug. 13, at 8 a.m. in the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Dept.

The exam is a requirement for any individuals and businesses working with any type of refrigerant, and meets the requirements for Section 608 of the Clean Air Act. Cost is \$50 for exam book and test, \$35 for a re-test. It is requested that the test booklet be purchased at the cashier's office in the George C. Wallace Administration Bldg. on campus.

For more information call the college at 334/493-3573, Ext. 246.

Fiddlers to gather for championship and convention

The 18th annual South Alabama Fiddlers' Championship and Bluegrass Convention will be held Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Escambia County High School auditorium in Atmore.

Musicians from across the south will compete in seven categories for over \$2500 in cash and the official South Alabama Fiddlers' championship. Categories include fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar, bass fiddle, string band, vocal band.

Tickets are \$5.00 adults, \$2.00 for children 12 and under. Boston butt barbecue sandwiches will be available.

For more information, call Jerry Gehman at 334/446-3707.

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Sunset Blvd 2,027 Sq. Ft. - 4 BR - 2 baths - storage bldg, patio, basement \$79,500

INVESTMENT PROPERTY 4 Apartments, Gross income \$850/month. Great opportunity! \$79,900

New Construction 35 Ac +/- 2,236 sq. ft. 3Br/2Bd study/garden tub/2 porches. Beautiful view! \$41,900

24x60 Artcraft Mobile Home Masonite siding - brick underpin, shingle roof. Double carport storage house. 1 acre +/-, 4 BRs, 2 baths \$57,900

Good Starter House - MLK Drive - Vinyl Siding Gas Heat & Window Coolg \$22,500

108 Taylor Avenue 3 BR - Office - 2 Bath Shop Bld. Good location! \$63,900

PINE LEVEL 4 Ac +/- 4 BR - 2 baths - Gunite pool back lawn - M.H. hook-up \$83,900

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40 Acres WANT TO TRADE? 40 Acres \$41,900

NEW LISTING New Brookton area - 6 AC +/- Barn - 4 yr old Mobile Home w/patio & Carpet - Fruit Trees & Pecan Trees \$41,900

Senator Shelby to pay return visit to County

U. S. Sen. Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) will address residents of Coffee County and members of the Elba and Enterprise Chambers of Commerce at an open, county-wide meeting and lunch breakfast on Wednesday, August 26, 1998 at 7:30 a.m. at Cuts Restaurant, 417 East Lee Street, in Enterprise.

In keeping with a pledge he made upon his election to the United States Senate in 1986, Sen. Shelby has held an open, county-wide meeting in each of Alabama's 67 counties each year.

Sen. Shelby will outline his legislative agenda for the coming year, which includes his continued effort to overhaul the nation's tax code, and reform the Internal Revenue Service.

All area residents and members of the news media are welcome and encouraged to attend. To reserve a place at the breakfast, call the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce at (334)347-0581.

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MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA



JOHN MCCRORY, (I) instructor of Agriscience Technology Education at Zion Chapel High School, was awarded the Honorary State FFA Degree during the recent 69th annual FFA Convention held in Montgomery at the Civic Center. This is the highest honorary degree awarded by the Alabama FFA Association. In recognition of his exceptional service to the organization, McCrory was one of many friends and teachers of Agriscience Education honored by the FFAers during the state convention. Shown congratulating McCrory is C.W. Reed, State Specialist, Agriscience Technology Education.

ESJC announces upcoming opportunities

Enterprise State Junior College's Kindercollege will have openings for 20 children, ages three and four. A parent or guardian must be a full-time student at ESJC.

The Kindercollege, a child study laboratory, provides children with experiences to foster development in physical abilities, social awareness, emotional health, intellectual skills, and creativity. Students who are in the Child Development classes are given opportunities to observe and participate directly with the Kindercollege students.

Applications can be obtained from the Director of the Kindercollege in Room L102 of the Learning Resources Center.

For more information contact Mrs. Richter at 334/933-ESJC, Ext. 219.

COLLEGE DAYS FOR RETIRED PERSONS

ESJC's special interest course, "College Days for Retired Persons," is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 14.

The line-up of topics includes Breast Cancer, Guide Dogs, Butterfly Gardening, Sleep Disorders, Sew New, Exercise for Seniors (Weightlifting for Arthritis Pain), Beginning Computers, Surfing the Internet, and Faith Plus Humor Equals Happiness.

Registration deadline is Aug. 7. There is a \$15.00 registration fee.

For more information call Robin Wyatt at 393-ESJC, Ext. 273; Sandra Coffey, 894-5596; or Eloise Saeve, 393-8743.

TOUR OF SPAIN

Dr. Jack Oden, history instructor at ESJC, and Mr. Lester Nichols, history instructor at Daleville High School, are coordinating a tour of Spain in the spring of 1999. Dates are Thursday, March 25 - Saturday, April 3. The tour is open to all interested persons.

Cost of the tour is \$2,177 for adults and \$2,017 for those under 21 years of age. This price includes round trip air fare via Atlanta, seven nights hotel accommodations in Spain, guided sightseeing and entrance fees, breakfast and dinner daily, ground transportation in Spain, and a tour guide.

In order to participate each individual must file an application and deposit of \$395 by Sept. 15. After September 15 registrants will pay higher tuition fees. Balance of program fees are due Dec. 1.

For applications and/or further information contact Dr. Jack Oden, 347-7831 (e-mail: joden@ala.net) or Mr. Lester Nichols, 684-3278 (e-mail: les@entercomp.com).

Everett honored for sound votes

U.S. Rep. Terry Everett (R-Ala.) was honored recently at a ceremony hosted by Food Distributors International.

Rep. Everett was presented with the food distribution industry's 1998 Thomas Jefferson Award, given to members of Congress who have voted consistently in support of sound fiscal policy, minimal government regulation, and other free-market principles crucial to the health of the food distribution industry and the nation's economy as a whole.

The award program was inspired by the philosophy and writings of Thomas Jefferson, who in his first inaugural address noted that "a wise and frugal government... which shall leave men otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread of his earned. This is the sum of good government."

AREA DEATHS

ROBBIE MAE HOLLEY Mrs. Robbie Mae Holley, age 77, of Elba, died July 31, 1998, at Westside Terrace.

Funeral services were held Aug. 2, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Ino Baptist Church, with Rev. Garry Winstead and Rev. Donnie Holley officiating. Burial was in the Ino Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three sons: Dwight Holley, New Brockton; Demp Holley, Enterprise; and Rev. Donnie Holley, Tallahassee, Fla.; two daughters: Stella Mae Bludworth and Christine Johnson, both of Ino; a brother: Judson Hussey, Valley, Ala.; Callie Walker, Augusta, Ga.; 18 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren.

KIE SASSER Rev. Kie Sasser, age 86, of Elba, died July 28, 1998, at his home.

Funeral services were held July 30, 1998, at 10 a.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Vandie Lambert officiating. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law: Annette and David Mount, Brantley; 4 daughters: Angela Sasser, Nashville, Tenn.; a sister: Redie Hornsby, Columbus, Ga.; one granddaughter.

VAUGHAN FAMILY Words cannot express our feelings for the outpouring love and concern during our time of sickness and then the passing of our loved one.

You may have given a smile, hug, handshake, card, flowers or food. It has been a blessing to us. May God richly reward you. Sincere gratitude is extended to

Rev. Marvin Ennis, Rev. Hubert McWaters, and our church family of the Elba United Methodist Church.

To our many friends, "we are blessed." To our extended family, "thanks for the overwhelming support." We simply say "thank you, and we love you."

THE FAMILY OF TED VAUGHAN

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CHURCH

First Assembly to have Pentecostal Revival

First Assembly of God of Elba will host a week-end revival Aug. 14-16. Times of services will be 7 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Guest evangelist is Rev. Jeff Noles. He and his wife Melissa will

also be ministering through special singing. Special music will also be provided by the sanctuary choir of First Assembly.

Basin Baptist Church to celebrate Homecoming August 9

Basin Baptist will have Homecoming Sunday, August 9. Guest speaker will be Bryan Payne of Nashville TN. Regular morning

services will be observed. Special music will be provided by members of the church family during morning service.

A covered dish lunch will be served at noon. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mt. Vernon Assembly to have Homcoming

Mt. Vernon Assembly of God to have Homecoming Sunday, August 9. The guest speaker for morning

worship service will be Mann Kirkland. There will be a singing in the

afternoon featuring the Mann Kirkland Singers from Georgia. Everyone one is invited

ROUND AND ABOUT WITH ERIA

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***Scripture: Proverbs 8:1-35

***Thinking of you, praying for you: the Marshall, Moore, and Stoumen families; Ernestine Kelley, Hannah Coleman, Lillian Tanks, Lovie Hooks, Sarah Magwood, Dana Kelley, Pearl Mincey.

***Homecoming Service for the pastor and members of Mt. Chapel M.B. Church, near Sasser's Crossroads, Rose Hill, Ala., was held Sunday, Aug. 2, at 2:30 p.m.

Rev. Calvin Feagin is pastor. Members and choir of Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba, attended the service. Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head, was guest speaker.

***Phyllis Barnes, Elba; Ella M. Brooks; and Suzette Hatten.

Enterprise, visited Grover and Elba Belcher, Elba, last Sunday evening.

***Annual homecoming of the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Hwy. 125, Elba, will be held Aug. 9, at 2:30 p.m. Rev. A.R. Williams is pastor. Guest speaker will be Rev. T. Wright, pastor of Greater Old Salem Baptist Church, Longstreet Community, Ozark, Mo. Theme: "There's No Place Like Home."

***Youth Need To Know: African American History Calendar - August

Monthly Motivation - There are four rungs on the ladder of success: plan purposefully, prepare properly, proceed positively, and pursue persistently - African folklore.

1945: On this day, Aug. 1, Jewell Jackson McCabe, who will become president of the Coalition of 100 Black Women, is born in Washington, D.C.

1963: On this day, Aug. 1, Arthur Ashe becomes the first African American to be selected to play on the U.S. Davis Cup tennis team.

1908: On this day, Aug. 4, the site plan is filed for the African American town of Allensworth, Calif., founded by Allen Allensworth.

1875: On this day, Aug. 5, the Convention of Colored Newspapers is held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

1892: On this day, Aug. 6, Harriet Tubman receives a pension from Congress for her work as a nurse, spy, and scout during the Civil War.

***Oliver and Hattie Belcher Family Reunion held July 24, 25 and 26. Reunion Colors: Red and White - "Kinkfolk Coming"

Deadline For Church News Is Monday!!!



Hattie Belcher



Oliver Belcher

Belcher Reunion held

It was the Belcher Family Reunion time in Elba: the place - the old Rocky Head M.B. Church building on CR 243 - Members of four generations were present, with families from Florida, Georgia, and Alabama, and phone calls from those in New York, Virginia, and Ohio wishing the best for those who had come.

Friday night, 6 p.m. was greeting time, followed by a fish fry.

Saturday's activities began at 10 a.m. with games, singing, picture-taking and lunch, with tables laden with all kinds of food. Barbecue was the special item on the menu.

Along with the reunion, one birthday was celebrated - that of Inez Belcher Long of Glenwood.

Sunday was fellowship and worship time at the New Rocky Head M.B. Church in Elba.

Few things in life are as wonderful as a family reunion. The newest baby and the toddlers were signs of God's continuing blessing and new opportunities. God in His Mercy and Grace is to be praised for all His goodness and love for all.

The children of Oliver and Hattie Belcher are Wallace, Grover, Collis, William (deceased), Vera Mae (deceased), Inez, Gussie Nell, Estella, Marylene, Jimmie, and Josephine (deceased).

Warm memories linger on and each succeeding generation requires a new group of dedicated family members committed to Christ.

The Oliver and Hattie Belcher family reunion planning committee are to be commended for their hard work and getting it all together. Committee members were Jennifer Long Henderson, Juanita Belcher Brooks, Patti Williams Culver, Christopher West, Darlene Brown, Arthur D. Gifford. Thanks to all of you.

***If it be the will of God, the families will meet in Groveland, Fla., with the Gussie N. Hart family in July, 1999.

***Today is a good day - be grateful!

ERIA

Old Home Folks Day to be held in Opp

The Opp Chamber of Commerce is taking applications for vendors for the 23rd annual Old Home Folks Day, to be held Saturday, Oct. 3, at Lake Frank Jackson State Park.

Gates will open at 8 a.m. Applications must be returned to the Chamber office by Sept. 15.

For applications call 334/493-3070.

Worship At The Church Of Your Choice This Sunday!!!

ELBA CITY SCHOOLS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Elba City Board of Education is committed to providing an orderly, well disciplined environment in which students can attend school. The school administration is expected to implement this commitment. Students are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will contribute to the best interest of the school system. Good discipline is extremely important to the total school program and is vital to the development of citizenship. It is anticipated that most discipline problems can be handled between teacher, child, and parents/guardians in a calm, reasonable manner.

Formal Disciplinary Actions

The following is a list of alternative methods for disciplinary action which may be administered by the school principal or his/her designee to students enrolled in the Elba City Schools:

A. SCHOOL BUS SUSPENSION

A student may be denied the privilege of riding a school bus because of misconduct on the bus for a reasonable and specified period of time. The parents/guardians will be notified in writing of the student's school bus suspension.

B. CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

The use of corporal punishment should follow the use of other corrective measures which have failed to improve student behavior. Prior to the administration of corporal punishment, the student shall be given an opportunity to explain his/her actions. When corporal punishment is required, it shall be administered with care, tact, and caution by the principal or teacher according to board policy. A second member of the professional staff shall be present to serve as witness and shall be informed of the reasons for the punishment prior to it being administered. Corporal punishment shall not be administered in the visual presence of students.

All cases of corporal punishment shall be documented by the person administering the punishment. Included in this documentation shall be written explanation of the reasons for the corporal punishment and the name of the witness.

Corporal punishment shall not be administered in the presence of visitors. No teacher is allowed to administer corporal punishment for another teacher.

C. OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

A student may be placed on out-of-school suspension by the principal. This disciplinary measure is the removal of a student from school for violation of school policies, rules or regulations, or for otherwise causing interference with or disruption of the orderly operation of the school. Situations which might dictate out-of-school suspension include: 1) procedure for expulsion of student being exercised; 2) presence of student poses an immediate and continuing threat to him/herself, others, and/or school property; 3) violation of school regulations. Procedures for out-of-school suspension will be enacted in accordance with Board policy.

D. IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION PROGRAM (ISS)

The Elba City School In-School Suspension Program consists of a supervised detention area during the school day. This provides for an alternative school setting away from and separate from the regular classroom and student body. Students may be assigned to this program on either a short term (3 days) or term (5 days) basis. Students assigned to ISS will not be allowed to associate with the student body during the period of time they are assigned to this program nor participate in sports, cheerleading, band or any other school activity, nor are they to go on school related trips or outings. Bathroom breaks and lunch breaks will be scheduled at a time that does not conflict with other breaks or lunch periods. Students will be under the constant supervision of the ISS supervisor.

Students will be required to complete all assignments from the regular classroom teachers during the time they are confined to the ISS program. The assignments, reports, tests, etc., will be graded by the regular classroom teacher.

Students will not be allowed to talk, confer, walk around, attend assemblies, sleep, use the phone, or leave class while assigned to the ISS room. While a length of time assigned to ISS he/she may not drive on campus.

The length of time assigned to the ISS may be extended for any student that fails to abide by or adhere to established ISS rules.

All students assigned to the ISS program will be assigned by the principal or assistant principal for reasons as stated in the Code of Conduct Guidelines given below:

Classification of Violations

Violations of the Code are divided into three classes: Class I - Minor, Class II - Major, and Class III - Terminal. Each classification is followed by a disciplinary procedure to be followed by the principal or his designee.

In the following classes of violations and disciplinary procedures, it is understood that the student will be provided with due process before any disciplinary action is taken.

CLASS I - MINOR OFFENSE

- 1.01 Distraction of other students - any behavior that alters the teaching process of the classroom or educational activity.
- 1.02 Quarreling, minor harassment.
- 1.03 Use of profane or obscene language.
- 1.04 Non-conformity to dress code - any dress that is disruptive to the educational setting or is a hazard to the health or safety of the student.
- 1.05 Minor misbehavior on a school bus.
- 1.06 Inappropriate public display of affection.

- 1.07 Gum chewing.
- 1.08 Eating or drinking in unauthorized areas.
- 1.09 Locker abuse, incidental defacement, littering of school property.
- 1.10 Possession of radios, tape players, cards, electronic games, etc. without written administrative approval.
- 1.11 Sitting in parked vehicle after arriving at school or returning to vehicle during the school day without permission.
- 1.12 Tardies - Procedures will be followed as outlined under "Tardies."
- 1.13 Minor physical conflicts - (ex: pushing, shoving) which stops when directed to do so. (It should be understood that the principal or his designee shall investigate all fights and make appropriate decisions concerning the roles of each participant).
- 1.14 Disrespectful behavior - or failure to follow specific instructions or school policies, disobedience.
- 1.15 Any other violation which in the discretion of the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category after consideration or extenuating circumstances.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR CLASS I OFFENSES

First offense: In-school conference, disciplinary action by teacher and parental contact when warranted.

Second Offense: Parental contact when warranted and disciplinary action by the teacher.

Subsequent Offenses: Corporal punishment, refer to Administrative Office, In-School suspension.

CLASS II MAJOR OFFENSE

- 2.01 Illegal organizations - any attempt to use the school day for activities that are not school related or school sponsored.
- 2.02 *Gambling - any participation in games of chance for money and/or other things of value.
- 2.03 Defiance of School Board employee's authority - any verbal or non-verbal refusal to comply with lawful direction or order of a School Board employee.
- 2.04 Possession or use of tobacco products on campus - possess on the person, in the locker, or in the effects of a student.
- 2.05 *Vandalism - intentional and deliberate action resulting in injury or damage of less than \$50 to public property or the real or personal property of another.
- 2.06 *Stealing, larceny, petty theft - the intentional unlawful taking or carrying away, of property valued at less than \$25 belonging to or in the possession or custody of another.
- 2.07 *Possession of stolen property with the knowledge that it is stolen.
- 2.08 Threats, extortion - verbal or written or printed communication maliciously threatening an injury to the person, property or reputation of another.
- 2.09 *Trespassing - willfully entering or remaining in any school property without being authorized licensed or invited; or, after having been authorized, licensed, or invited, refusing to depart when warned by an authorized person to do so.
- 2.10 Possession and/or igniting fireworks or firecrackers.
- 2.11 *Unjustified activation of a fire alarm system or fire extinguisher.
- 2.12 *Written or verbal proposition to engage in sexual acts.
- 2.13 Use of obscene behavior (verbal, written, gesture) toward another person.
- 2.14 *Use of possession of obscene and/or pornographic materials.
- 2.15 Directing obscene or profane language to a School Board employee.
- 2.16 Leaving class or campus without written permission.
- 2.17 Refusal to give name or intentionally giving false information to authorized person.
- 2.18 Cheating.
- 2.19 Misuse of lunch ticket.
- 2.20 Truancy - absence from school, without principal and/or parental or legal guardian approval.
- 2.21 Speeding (exceeding campus speed limit) or reckless driving.
- 2.22 Any other violation which the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category after consideration of extenuating circumstances.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR CLASS II OFFENSES

First Offense: In-School Suspension, 3 days.

Second Offense: Suspension, 3 days.

Third Offense: Suspension pending Administrative Hearing

*Indicates the offense which may be reported to the designated law enforcement agency using - the appropriate administrative procedure.

CLASS III - SERIOUS/TERMINAL

3.01 Fighting - See No-Fight Policy on Page 15.

3.02 The use, possession, or sale - of any, narcotics, illegal drugs, other controlled substances or alcoholic beverages on campus during school sponsored function or off-campus if the off-campus conduct has a direct and immediate effect on the discipline or general welfare of the school.

3.03 Arson - the willful and malicious burning of any part of School Board property.

3.04 Battery - upon a School board employee against his/her will, or the intentional causing of bodily harm to a School Board employee.

3.05 Robbery - the taking of money or other property which may be the subject of larceny from the person or custody of another by force, violence, assault, or by instilling the fear of same.

3.06 Stealing, larceny, grand theft - The intentional unlawful taking and/or carrying away of property valued at \$25 or more belonging to or in the possession or custody of another.

3.07 Burglary of school property - entering or remaining in a structure or conveyance with the intent to commit an offense therein during the hours the premises are closed to the public.

3.08 Criminal mischief - willful and malicious injury or damages at or in the excess of \$50 to public property or to real or personal property belonging to another.

3.09 Possession of fire arms - any firearm (including a starter gun) which will, or is designed to, or may be readily, converted to expel a projectile.

3.10 Unauthorized discharge of a pistol, rifle, shotgun, airgun or any device or any other weapon, instrument, or object.

3.11 Possession of weapon - knife, metallic knuckles, tear gas guns, chemical weapon or device, or any other instrument or object with the intent to be used as a weapon.

3.12 Bomb threats - any such communication which has the effect of interrupting the educational environment.

3.13 Explosions - possessing, preparing or igniting on School Board property explosives likely to cause bodily injury or property damage.

3.14 Sexual acts - acts of a sexual nature including, but not limited to battery, intercourse, attempted rape, or rape.

3.15 Aggravated battery intentionally causing great bodily harm, disability or permanent disfigurement, or the use of a deadly weapon.

3.16 Inciting or participating in a major student disorder - leading, encouraging or assisting in major disruptions which result in destruction or damage of private or public property or personal injury to participants or others.

3.17 Indecent exposure - intentional explicit exposure of private parts, "mooning" etc.

3.18 Assaults or threats directed toward a School Board employee.

3.19 Any other offense which the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR CLASS III OFFENSES

1. Suspension with consideration of possible recommendation of expulsion by principal as authorized by procedures.
2. Notification and referral to Superintendent of Education for action.
3. Notification of law enforcement authorities by the principal.

SCHOOL OPENING SCHEDULE

AUGUST 4 - Teacher Institute/In-service - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

AUGUST 11 - first day for all students - (trial schedule) 7:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - 1/2 day mock schedule, break fast only/ no lunch, buses will run regular routes

AUGUST 12 - 1st full day for all students - 7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Breakfast/lunch served, buses will run regular routes.

September 7 - Labor Day

December 21 - January 1 - Christmas holidays

March 29 - April 2 - AEA holidays

May 18 - last day of school for students

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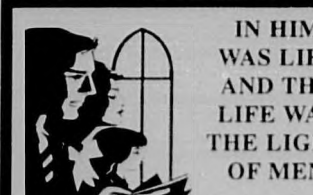
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Milton Harrington, Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service - 6:30 p.m.

BUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service - 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship - 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Bennett Abbott, Pastor
Church Service - 9:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays - 9:30 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays - 9:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays - 11:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF JEUS CHRIST
E. H. Hill, Minister
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 12:00 noon
1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. William Frank, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship - 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Donna Marler, Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Bernard Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Randy Neal, Minister
Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHET
J. E. Wesley, Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Alton Richards, Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Billy J. Redd, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service - 6:15 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Marvin Ennis, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Totten, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service - 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Denny Sherer, Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Denny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Church Directory

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
Joe B. Grimes, Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Marvin Ennis, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School -

LIFESTYLES

1998 Bailey Reunion held in July

The 23rd annual Bailey Reunion was held Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26 in Elba, Troy and Rutledge, with 55 members of the pioneer Crenshaw County family in attendance.

The family gathered Saturday at noon at the home of Nancy and Marion Brunson on Brunson Hill in Elba, and the Saturday night dinner buffet was at Julia's Restaurant in Troy.

For worship Sunday, the family attended the Rutledge Baptist Church, home church of the Bailey family, and were seated in a reserved area. Numerous tributes were made to the Bailey family, some of whom were charter members of the church.

After worship services, the noon meal was served at the Shriners Club in Lufkin.

Late Sunday afternoon, family members began preparations to depart, with those living long distances remaining until Monday and Tuesday to return home.

Those attending the reunion were: Mr. Houston Bailey, Houma,

La.; Mrs. Maurine Bailey Foreman, Mrs. Lavada Trahan, Miss Jade Trahan and Mr. Conner English, all of Vinton, La.; Mrs. Mae Bailey, Ron and Norene Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Marty Bailey and sons, all of Caledonia, Miss.; Mr. Mike Bailey, Rutledge; Merwin and Betty Bailey Davis, Lufkin; Mrs. Rita Bailey Kersker and Miss Mindy Kersker, Dothan; Mr. Bibb Morgan Bailey, Warner Robins, Ga.; Rita and Rev. Morgan Bailey, Wetumpka; Herbert and Jeanene Bailey Winfield, Brian and David Winfield, all of Houston, Tex.; Erma and Buddy Bailey, Doug, Robin and Brooke Bailey; Mr. Bruce Bailey, Vickie Bailey Dutka and Miss Michelle Dutka, all of Panama City, Fla.; Harry and Mildred Baggett Thomas of Rutledge; Marion and Nancy Cowart Brunson, Bailey and Karen Williams Brunson, Trey and Fox Brunson; Matt and Stephanie Hall Brunson, Matthew and Mary Brunson.

Mrs. Jeanene Bailey Winfield of Houston, Tex., was in charge of arrangements for the 1998 reunion.



Pictured (l-r) are: Mrs. R.C. Carpenter, Mrs. J.L. Williams, Ms. Mittie J. Edwards (mother of the groom-to-be), Miss Shakietha Williams, honoree; Mrs. A.R. Williams, mother of the bride-elect; Mrs. Rita Hardwick, Ms. Bernice Culver.

Miss Williams honored with bridal shower

Miss Shakietha LaTanya Williams, bride-elect of Rev. Willie O'Neal Edwards, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower on July 18, at five o'clock in the afternoon in the fellowship hall of Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church.

Mrs. Patricia Jordan and Mrs. Evelyn Manning greeted and registered the guests, and instructed each one as to their participation in the entertainment.

Tables in the fellowship hall were covered with purple and ivory tablecloths, and accented with beautiful, bright floral arrangements and ivory candles. Refreshments were

served by the hostesses. Many lovely gifts were presented to the honoree, including a bedroom and bath ensemble from the hostesses.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Wallace Belcher, Mrs. Wiley Brooks, Mrs. Gary Burks, Mrs. R.C. Carpenter, Mrs. Ronnie Caldwell, Ms. Bernice Culver, Mrs. Freddie Culver, Ms. Peggy Edwards, Ms. Tanisha Edwards, Mrs. Rita Hardwick, Mrs. Derrick Hooks, Mrs. Charlie Jordan, Mrs. Mike Manning, Mrs. John Mitchell, Mrs. John Nelson, and Mrs. J.L. Williams.

Parker Reunion planned for Saturday, August 15

The annual Parker Reunion will be held Saturday, August 15, at the Basin Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Basin Community, Highway 189 South. The reunion, for the descendants and relatives of

Marion Jackson and Myra Mobley Parker, will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a covered dish luncheon. All relatives and friends are invited. For additional information, contact Sue Parker, 334-897-2704.

AARP holds monthly meeting

The local AARP meeting for July was held in the Senior Citizens Building in Elba.

The devotional was given by Floyd Morrow. A delightful dinner was enjoyed by 20 members and one guest.

Mrs. Kenneth Calhoun gave an interesting program on community living/assisted living, with a question and answer time following.

Mary M. Jacobs on Dean's List at AU

Mary M. Jacobs of Elba was named to the Dean's List at Auburn University for Spring Quarter. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled for 15 or

more graded credit hours, pass all courses attempted for the quarter and earn a grade-point average of at least 3.4.

Glover - Summerlin wedding planned for Saturday, September 5th



Christopher Kyle Byrd

New Arrival
Chris and Jennifer Byrd announce the birth of their son, Christopher Kyle Byrd, on June 8, 1998, at Medical Center Enterprise. The new arrival weighed 8 lbs., 11 ozs. and was 21-1/4 in. long.

Grandparents are Earl and Marilyn Byrd, and Charles and Betty Rogers.

Great-grandparents are Ralph and Kathleen Smith; Ray and Eleanor Price; Minnie Rogers; the late Shelly Byrd; the late Olen Rogers; and the late George and Gladys Calhoun.

Bob and Penny Glover of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tonya Christine Glover, to Jimmy Lee Summerlin, son of Lee and Loretta Summerlin of Oxford, Ala.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of H.E. Schwartz Jr. of Marble Falls, Tex., and the late Jeanette Adams of Waukegan, Ill.; and the late George Glover and Mae Glover of Wilmette, Ill.

Tonya is a 1992 graduate of Mandeville High School in Mandeville, La. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Mississippi in 1996 and was awarded a Master of Science degree in

psychology from Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Ala., in 1997. She is employed in Talladega.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of the late Joe and Elsie Armatrout of Oxford and the late Wilmer Summerlin and Ethel Summerlin of Oxford.

Jimmy is a 1992 graduate of Oxford High School. He is a sales representative for a firm in Anniston.

The wedding ceremony will be held Sept. 5, 1998, at the chapel at Cheaha State Park. A reception and dinner will follow at the Cheaha State Park Lodge.

Friends wishing to join in this celebration should contact Bob and Penny Glover.



Mr. Summerlin & Miss Glover

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LIFESTYLES

Savannah Elizabeth Ellis is four years old



Savannah Elizabeth Ellis

Savannah Elizabeth Ellis turned 4 years old on July 26, and celebrated her birthday with a pool party at Hawkins-Williams Park.

Over 50 guests enjoyed swimming and seeing "Big Bird" at the party.

Savannah is the daughter of Bobby and Amanda Ellis of Elba; the granddaughter of Robert and Bertha Ellis of the Damascus Community; and Jerry and Lela Parker of the Basin Community.

Kindergarten Jump Start Days
August 5-7
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Bluegrass Convention to be held in Atmore

The 18th annual South Alabama Fiddlers' Championship and Bluegrass Convention will be held Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Escambia County High School auditorium in Atmore.

Musicians from across the south will compete in seven categories for over \$2500 in cash and the official South Alabama Fiddlers' championship. Categories include fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar, bass fiddle, string band, vocal band.

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Carter studying in Spain

Meredith Carter, a senior Communications major at Auburn University, is studying at the Colegio de Espana de Salamanca in Salamanca, Spain.

She is participating in an intensive four-week academic program sponsored by the AU foreign language department. Objective of the program is to provide students and teachers of Spanish a conducive environment for the study of the language and the culture of Spain.

Salamanca, 200 miles west of Madrid, has a population of 170,000 and is the home of the oldest university in Spain. It is well known throughout Europe and South America as the "heart and soul" of the Spanish university life.

Upon completion of the program, Carter will tour the French Riviera, Italy, Germany and Switzerland.

She is the daughter of Patsy and Larry Carter of Thomasville, Ala., and the granddaughter of Jean and Fred Moore and the late Beulah and Bill Carter of Elba.



Meredith Carter

Orientation for 4, 5 & 6 grades for parents planned for August

4th, 5th & 6th grades orientation for parents only will be held August 17th from 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. at the Elba Elementary School Cafeteria.

Parents are urged to attend.

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Catee Moss



Rusty Moss

Birthday Kids

Catherine Alexandria Moss, "Catee," is five years old today.

Aug. 6.

Russell Jerrell "Rusty" Moss was 1 year old on July 31.

The brother and sister celebrated their birthdays on July 31 with a party at the "Top Hat" in Blount Springs, Ala., with grandparents Ed and Betty Howse of Gardendale, Ala.; great-grandparents Opal and Tib Alexander, Mt. Olive; Aunt Dawn Gorman of Cullman, and cousins in attendance.

Catee and Rusty are the children of Richard and Cristy Moss of the Pine Level Community.

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By Ricky Mularz

The Mularz family went on its first vacation in over five years last week, and even though we added over 2,400 miles to the odometer on the van, it really wasn't all that tiring a trip for the riders or the drivers. We spent most of the trip with big brother in Maryland, but did get a chance to visit Washington D.C. (the day after the shooting); see the Baltimore Orioles play in Camden Yards; tour the Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, battlefield; watch a Minor League baseball game in Frederick, Maryland; and do a lot of sight seeing, and visiting with my big brother and his wife. It was a long trip, but one we may never take again, and it was well worth the hours spent in the van going to the various places. It was, however, good to get back home.

HITS AND MISSES...

***The preseason practices are underway for the various high school football teams across the state, and that can mean only one thing, that the high school football season is now less than a month away. While the numbers are down at area schools such as Elba, Kinston and Zion Chapel, there is some solace in the fact that the numbers of players taking part are down statewide. The smaller numbers are not always an indication of a losing program. In my opinion, the numbers are more of an indication that many parents no longer encourage, or even care if their children take part in athletics, and more and more students have found out that they can be "cool" even if they don't play sports. It takes a real sacrifice for high schoolers to take part in athletics, and the fans of all high school sports should spend more time praising the student-athletes for their sacrifice and hard work, than talking about the ones that chose not to take part. I'll be making my trips to the various training camps in the days and weeks to come, and report back on the positives that are found at the schools.

***There are a couple of articles on the Sports page this week about the enrollment figures of the schools across the state, and while it takes a little time to check out the numbers and figure them out, it is interesting for a true fan like myself. It is amazing to me that Robert E. Lee has 1,247 more students than Fairhope, but both schools are in Class 6A, and it is also worth noting that Smiths Station has moved into the 6A ranks and is larger than eight of the other schools in the class. A couple of other items that I noticed were that: Carroll, of Ozark, has moved down to 5A, and may at last be able to compete with other teams in its class; Andalusia has slipped and is now only 27 students from moving down into the 4A ranks; W.S. Neal is a perennial 4A power, but has also seen a decline in enrollment and is only 6 students away from being a true power in the 3A circles; Elba has continued its yearly slide and now is smaller than Lufkin, Flomaton, Clayton, Slosscomb and even Goshen, and if it loses 14 more students will find itself down in the 2A ranks; Kinston is the smallest school in 2A and has over sixty students less than the largest school in the class; Zion Chapel has continued to grow and is now ranked sixth in 1A circles, needing only six more students to move into 2A; and, Brantley is the largest school in 1A circles.

***In a way I really wasn't surprised that the Atlanta Braves failed to make a move before the trading deadline last weekend. The Braves are convinced that they have the pitching to win any series, five games or seven. I would have liked to see the Braves pick up Roberto Alomar from the Orioles and at least one more good right-handed batter, not to mention a stopper in the bullpen, instead of the assortment of minor leaguers that now come in late in tight games. Houston made a real statement with its acquisition of Randy Johnson, and will now be the favorite to beat anybody in the opening five-game set.

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Elba continues slide in Class 3A

Enrollment figures reveal surprising facts

The Alabama High School Athletic Association released its biannual classification of its member schools recently, and included in the classification was the student population of the schools, for students in grades 10-12, and ninth grade hold-backs.

The student population is what the classification of the schools is based upon, with 67 schools in each class, except Class 6A, in which only 61 schools are included.

In Class 1A, Brantley is ranked #1 in student population with a total of 1264 students, followed in the #2 spot by Carrollton, with 1255 students. Area schools in the 1A ranks include (3) Florala, 1254; (6) Zion Chapel - 1245; (7) G.W. Long - 1240; (16) Pleasant Home - 1191

and, (53) McKenzie - 878.

In Class 2A, West Morgan is ranked atop the list with a student population of 1955, followed in second by Hale County with a population of 1940. Area schools in the 2A ranks include (6) Straughn - 1883; (11) Samson - 184; (15) Georgiana - 182; (18) Houston County - 1800; (22) Cottonwood - 1762; (31) Louisville - 1688; (33) New Brockton - 1670; (37) Geneva County - 1630; (38) Red Level - 1624; (41) Highland Home - 1557; (57) Arton - 1353; (65) Wicksburg - 1309; and (67) Kinston - 1298.

In Class 3A, Kate Duncan Smith, DAR, is ranked #1 in student enrollment with a population of 2749, followed in #2 by Briarwood, with a student enrollment of 2740, and in

third spot by UMS-Wright, with 2726 students. Other area schools in the 3A ranks include (22) Lufkin - 2441; (24) Calhoun - 2439; (43) Flomaton - 2243; (51) Clayton - 2142; (54) Slosscomb - 2127; (58) Goshen - 2109; and (60) Elba - 2098.

In Class 4A, Emma Sansom holds down the top spot with an enrollment of 3853, followed by Brookwood, with a population of 3849. Other area schools in the 4A ranks include (7) Daleville - 3738; (26) Bullock County - 3314; (27) Headland - 3307; (33) St. Paul's - 3220; (36) T.R. Miller - 3204; (37) Ashford - 3200; (38) Dale County - 3140; (45) Rehobeth - 3045; (47) Geneva - 3028; (54) Abbeville - 2897; (59) Pike County - 2810; and (60) W.S. Neal - 2801.

In Class 5A, Phillips, of Birmingham, is the largest school, with an enrollment of 6901, followed in #2 by Pinson Valley with

6884. Area schools in the 5A ranks include (5) Ozark Carroll - 6775; (7) Wetumpka - 6565; (19) Greenville - 6078; (28) Eufaula - 5640; (32) Stanhope Elmore - 5422; (38) Evergreen Hillcrest - 4982; (49) Escambia County - 4723; (52) Monroe County - 4633; (54) Opp - 4512; (56) Charles Henderson - 4325; and (59) Andalusia - 4125.

In Class 6A, the state's overall largest school is Montgomery's Robert E. Lee, with an enrollment of 19415, followed by Central, of Tuscaloosa, with an enrollment of 18557. Two other Montgomery schools are included in the "Top 5," with (4) Jeff Davis - 18135; and (5) Sidney Lanier - 16268. Other area schools in the 6A ranks include (10) Enterprise - 11717; (19) Montgomery Carver - 9879; (24) Dothan - 9397; (25) Northview - 9349; and (53) Smiths Station - 7244.

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Size does make a difference Among schools in same class

When the Alabama High School Athletic Association recently reclassified its member schools according to student enrollment figures, it did so as fairly as possible, with the smallest 67 schools being placed in Class 1A, the next 67 in Class 2A, and so on, with the 61 largest schools left making up Class 6A. While the process has been in place for years, and appears the only logical way to classify the schools, it does create a large population difference in many of the classes.

The largest variance in school sizes comes in Class 6A, where there is a student population difference of over 1,200 students from #1 Robert E. Lee (19,415) to #61 Fairhope (684). Of the sixty-one schools in the state's largest classification, Lee has over 1,000 more students than thirty-eight of the schools, and over 1200 students more than the smallest thirteen. When one considers that the population is based on only grades 10-12, it means that there are over 400 more students per grade attending Robert E. Lee than thirteen of the other schools in the class.

The gap is not quite so wide in Class 5A; however, there is a student difference of over 300 students from #1 Phillips (6901) and #67 Dallas County (3869). A total of twenty-four schools have over 200 students less than the largest school in this class, which would put the class difference at over 66 students per grade.

The size difference narrows a bit

in Class 4A, where there is an enrollment difference of slightly over 100 between #1 Emma Sansom (3853) and #67 Munford (2752). A total of ten schools have over 100 students less than the largest school, which means that the total per grade is over 33 students.

The gap in enrollment closes even more in Class 3A, where there is a difference of less than 80 students from #1 Kate Duncan Smith-DAR (2749) to #67 McIntosh (1963). While the size difference is indeed smaller, it still can play a major factor when a school has over 25 students per grade more than another school in the same classification.

The enrollment difference in Class 2A shrinks even more, with a difference of less than 65 students from #1 West Morgan (1955) to #67 Kinston (1298). The difference is smaller, which is better for all schools in the 2A ranks. However, at a small school it can, and does, make a big difference when a school has over 20 more students per grade than another.

The difference in student population is also very evident in Class 1A, where there is a difference of almost 90 students from #1 Brantley (1264) to #67 Paint Rock Valley (379). The gap isn't quite as large when Vina, the smallest school to compete in all sports is considered, but there is still a difference, with the largest school having around 20 students per grade more than the smaller schools in the class.

Mader takes top prize at 125-lap Late Model feature in SAS action

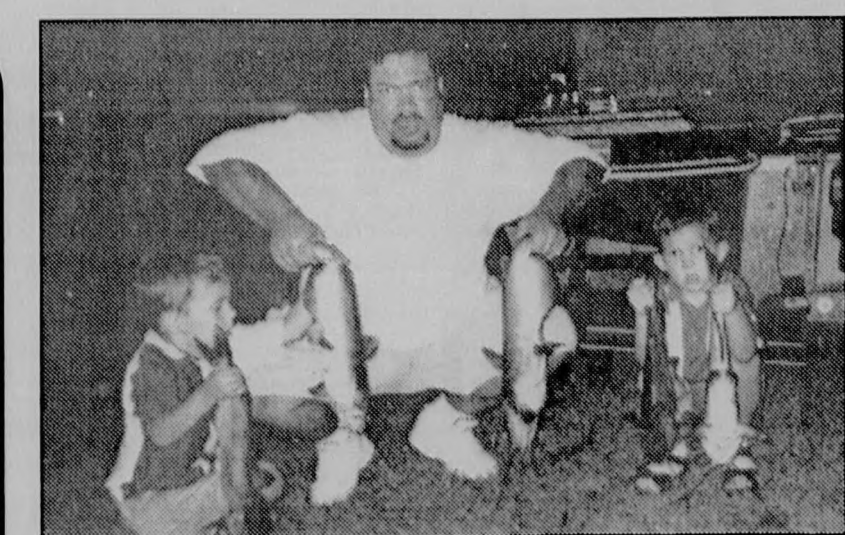
The South Alabama Speedway, located in Kinston, put on an incredible night of racing on Saturday, July 25, as 31 drivers from all across the South came to town to compete in the 125-lap Late Model Feature.

Popular driver Dave Mader took the checkered flag, with Tracy Goodson, Jeremy Pate, Robert Burroughs and Dan Beddingfield rounding out the "Top 5."

Other drivers competing in the event, in their order of finish, were (6) Bubba Neumann, (7) John Wilkerson III, (8) Jeff Morgan, (9) Kevin Dicks, (10) Bradd Webb, (11) David Bonnett (12) Jim Walker,

(13) Tim Goldsby, (14) Mike Harmon, (15) Gary Wayne Findley Jr., (16) Dewayne Middlebrooks, (17) Tim Bryant, (18) Ronnie Couture, (19) Scott McDonald, (20) Mike Arnold, (21) Roger Jones, (22) Chris Johnson, (23) Donald Long, (24) Budly Welch, (25) Steve Clark, (26) Gary Brooks, (27) Thomas Taylor, (29) Pat Cruise, (30) Randy Brooks, and (31) John Passett.

In Street Stock competition, Ozark's Michael Tillery took home the checkered flag, followed in order by Elba's Bubba Lewis and Dothan's Jeff Smith.



MASON (l) and ASHTON DAVIS show off the huge catfish they caught recently with their dad, Mark Davis, at a private pond. All the fish weighed over 4 lbs., with the largest hitting the 9-lb. mark.

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FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE GRANT CHECKS... Representatives of Coffee County's Volunteer Fire departments met at the Forestry Commission Office in New Brockton June 29 to receive grant checks totaling \$19,590.84. Each department received a check for \$2,176.76 presented by Sen. Dwight Adams and Rep. Gareth Moore. The money may be used to purchase equipment or make repairs as needed. The grant money is funded by the legislature and administered by the Alabama Forestry Commission. Pictured are (l-r): Randall Black - Ino VFD; Rep. Moore; Terry Miller - Kinston VFD; Sen. Adams; Glen Gatlin - Zion Chapel VFD; Stephen McCollough - 5 Star VFD; Gibby McCormick - New Brockton VFD; Terry Wilkins - Tri Community VFD; Tim Allen - Goodman VFD; Lloyd Driggers - Elba VFD; not present - Battens VFD.

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AGRI NEWS

Duhanime raises Strawberries by the oodles

by Bernie Cobb
Certified Master Gardener
I relived an old childhood memory recently when I walked through John Duhanime's strawberry patch. I remembered once walking barefooted long ago through an uncle's strawberry patch near my childhood home in central Florida. My dad showed me how to pick a strawberry, blow the sand off it, and bite into that warm, juicy piece of pure heaven.

Several years ago I tried my hand at growing strawberries, but that went the way of my asparagus. They got little or no attention because of my full-time job. Now that I have tasted that delicious berry at Duhanime's home garden in the Bethany Community, I am all fired up again to give it another try. Especially now that John has educated me. Here's what the retired Army sergeant had to say:

"First of all," he quipped, "plant enough for you and also for the birds. They sure do like 'em." Speaking strictly about small home gardens, Duhanime stresses that a good site in full sunlight and near a good water supply be selected for the strawberry patch. A soil sample should be sent to the Auburn Soil Testing Laboratory. (Maintain a pH of more than 5.5 and less than 7.0; 6.5 is ideal.)

One of the big decisions to make next is picking the variety of strawberry you wish to grow. You would do well, as Duhanime does, to plant more than one variety. Later you may wish to modify your gardening project by dropping one or two of the original varieties and adding others.

"There are thousands of varieties available," the berry grower pointed out. "I have actually grown about 50 myself. I raised Cardinals for years and added Tristar. Now, I have settled mainly on Tristar because it is better tasting to me and little larger. I'm trying the Chandler variety now, too," he added.

New gardeners can order plants



RIPE AND JUICY . . . John Duhanime shows ripe strawberries he picked at his home vegetable garden in the Bethany Community just west of New Brockton. Duhanime grows more than one variety every year but has decided, at least for now, that his favorite is the Tristar strawberry.

through catalogs or buy at local nurseries. According to Duhanime, those plants will probably be available in the early Spring. That most likely means a small crop of berries the first year. "Old Sarge" uses his own plants and sets them out in a new bed about October every year.

"I would suggest a new strawberry grower get as much information as possible from the County Extension Office," came more advice. "If a person plants too shallow or too deep they won't get much."

Duhanime sets his plants in two-foot-wide raised beds. There are two rows per bed with 12" spacing between plants. He begins the planting process by scooping out some dirt and making a small hole. He then mounds up a little cone of dirt in the center just high enough to set the bottom of the plant on top and firm the roots down around the sides of the mound. Then he fills the hole with the remainder of the soil just so the roots are buried but not the crown of the plant.

"When the plants get a little bigger I mulch them with pine straw. I chop the straw up first by running my mower over a pile of it. I work the mulch all around the plants. Then, when it gets real cold, I cover the plants with the mulch to protect them from freezing. When it warms

up again, I just uncover the plants but leave the mulch around them," the former Enterprise High School ROTC instructor continued. "I do this two or three times; first thing you know, you have a good mulch around all the plants."

Duhanime picks berries from the middle of April until mid-June. He keeps all the runners picked off the plants during harvest season. His philosophy is that, by picking off the runners, all the energy expended by the plant is in growing those runners will then be diverted to fruit production. After the plants stop bearing, he then lets the runners continue to grow again. The runners allow the plants to propagate.

"How 'bout feeding your strawberries?" I asked.

"Starting around the first of February I put a light spray of fertilizer on them every two weeks. I use a good, all purpose, water-soluble, fertilizer that I buy locally," he answered.

Spider mites is the military retiree's biggest insect problem. He sprays with an approved fruit tree insecticide "real heavy" in the Spring until the plants begin producing. Then he stops during harvesting.

"I'm not going to eat fresh strawberries off plants that I have been putting poison on," he insisted. Gray Mold is another problem that he controls with a good fungicide.

"Be sure you start your spraying program before you spot a problem," came yet more advice. "If you wait until you see the problem first, it's usually too late to do anything about it. Mother Nature has been helping us out lately," he added. "It's been so dry that mold can hardly take hold now."

I took another bit of that juicy strawberry that Duhanime had offered me.



WINNERS IN JUNIOR LAWN TRACTOR at the Dothan District 4-H Roundup at Troy State University June 19 are (l-r): 1st place - Stephen Hughes, Geneva County; 2nd place - Blake Phillips, Coffee County; 3rd place - Joseph Gullledge, Henry County; 4th place - Tasha Mauldin, Covington County; 5th place - LaMitchell Person, Barbour County; 6th place - Ricky Waller, Crenshaw County. Also pictured are event facilitators Stan Windham (back left) and George Tabb (back right).



COFFEE COUNTY 4-H JUNIOR AND SENIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAMS placed first and third at district competition. The juniors won every award in their division, with Ashley Green, Christine Whitaker, and Andy Waddail. The 2nd and 3rd high individuals overall respectively. The seniors will compete at state. Pictured are Mark Windham, Sean Blough, Gary Henderson, Maria Henderson, Brandon Griswald, Heath Hollis, Ashley Green, Chelsey Hollis, Christine Whitaker, Ann Schieffer, Andy Waddail, Rachel Carroll, Kendall Amis, LeAnn Griffin, Stan Windham, Megan Holloway, Jeffrey Campbell, Clint Anderson, Al Schieffer, Matt Windham, Andy Waddail, and Lee Gunter.

Water is important to the human body

SUSAN TAYLOR
Extension Agent/NEP

Water is the most abundant substance in the human body as well as the most common substance on earth. Like the oxygen you breathe, you can't live without it.

On average, an adult's body weight is 55 to 75 percent water. Compared with body fat, lean tissue holds much more water. So the leaner you are, the higher proportion of water in your body. Males, with more muscle, carry a higher percentage of water in their bodies than females do.

Water suppresses the appetite naturally and helps the body metabolize fat. Studies have shown that a decrease in water intake will cause fat deposits to increase, while an increase in water intake can actually reduce fat deposits.

Regrading of peanuts to be allowed with 1998 crop

USDA has announced that it will issue an interim rule concerning the producer's ability to clean and regrade peanuts for the 1998 crop. The rule, to be issued next week, will allow growers who incur Seg. 3 peanuts to have those peanuts cleaned and submitted for regrade, with the second grade being the final grade.

The original meeting was set up by Sen. Richard Shelby and Congressman Bud Cramer, and leading the discussion was Congressman Terry Everett, who has been working with Alabama growers for almost a year pursuing

Here's why: The kidneys can't function properly without enough water. When they don't work to capacity, some of their load is dumped into the liver.

One of the liver's primary functions is to metabolize stored fat into usable energy for the body. But, if the liver is to do some of the kidney's work, it can't operate at full throttle. As a result, it metabolizes less fat, more fat remains stored in the body and weight loss stops.

Drinking enough water is the best treatment for fluid retention. When the body gets less water, it perceives this as a threat to survival and begins to hold on to every drop. The best way to overcome the problem of water retention is to give your body what it needs - PLENTY OF WATER! Only then will stored

water be released.

The overweight person needs more water than the thin one. Larger people have larger metabolic loads. Since we know that water is the key to fat metabolism, it follows that the overweight person needs more water.

Water helps rid the body of waste. During weight loss, the body has a lot more waste to get rid of - all that metabolized fat must be shed.

How much water is enough? On the average, eight 8-oz. glasses each day. That's about 2 quarts. However, the overweight person needs one additional glass for every 25 pounds of excess weight. The amount you drink also should be increased if you exercise briskly if the weather is hot and dry.

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Marine Pfc. Nathan L. Sanders, son of James E. and Joyce E. Sanders of Kinston, has departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

Sanders and fellow Marines prepared for the deployment by participating in an Atlantic Joint Task Force Exercise. His unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

The 1993 graduate of Kinston High School joined the Marine Corps in April 1997.

Covington Electric says conserve energy

The continued hot weather in the area has increased power demands - and the need to conserve energy - and Covington Electric Cooperative General Manager Ed Short offers these tips for conserving energy.

"Avoid using major household appliances during peak periods (generally between noon and sundown).

"During the coolest part of the day, 'Keep the sun out by closing blinds and draperies.

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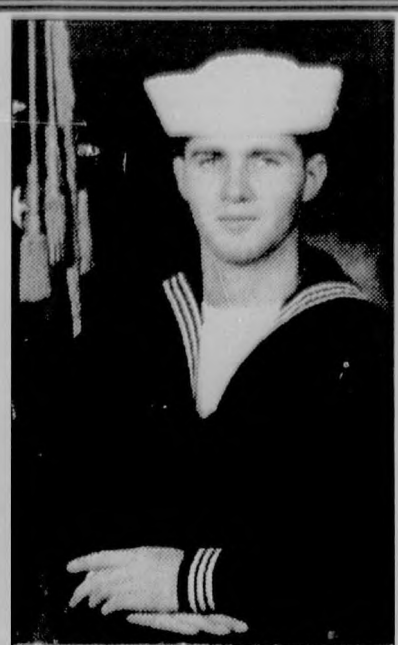
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Richard Jason Brunson
Brunson serving in Persian Gulf

PH3 (Petty Officer 3rd Class) Richard Jason Brunson is currently serving in the Persian Gulf, aboard the U.S.S. John C. Stennis (CVN-74). The Stennis is a state-of-the-art nuclear carrier, commissioned in December, 1995, with a crew of approximately 6,000 including support vessels. Brunson works in the photo lab.

He is a native of Elba, son of Foyel and Wayne Brunson of Pinckard, and Christine and Jack Snipes of Florida. He is the grandson of the late Comer and M.E. Brunson, the late Bertis Johnson and Hazel Conway, all of Elba.

Brunson graduated high school in Ft. Myers, Fla., and is married to the former Jill Lester of Ft. Myers, who will join him in August when the Stennis ports in San Diego, Calif.

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Zion Chapel student wins Essay Contest

Audrianna Mills, student at Zion Chapel Elementary School, was the winner of the Gwendolyn Garth Essay Contest award for her essay on "What 'Bucks for Books' Means to Me." Her prize was \$100. She is the daughter of Wayne and Vonzetta Mills.

Audrianna participated in the "Bucks for Books" summer reading program sponsored by the Human Resource Development Corporation of Enterprise.

The program, for second - fifth graders, was conducted in the four-county area of Coffee, Geneva, Henry and Houston. Ella's readings were held at the HRDC Center and the Zion Chapel School Library.

On Aug. 1, all participants, volunteers, and parents enjoyed a Funfair at the Playground in Dothan, to celebrate the completion of the program.



BLAKE WALDEN, age 5, caught this 23-lb. carp at his "Big Daddy's" pond recently. He was using wigglers for bait. Blake is the son of Chris and Marsha Jordan.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT GETTING NEW PUMPER

Elba City Council okays land deal

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

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Another action of lasting impact taken by the city council was the acceptance of the lone bid for a new fire truck. Sunbelt/Emergency 1 bid \$198,792, which was several thousand less than expected; council members were told. There is an added bonus of a \$7,156 discount if the vehicle is paid for within 30 days of placing the order, however delivery is several months away.

Grimes told the council members there is a very slim chance of approval on an interest free loan the city has applied for to finance this purchase. He said the "points" assigned to the application make it unlikely the loan will be approved. Council members suggested the mayor check with the local banks on the cost of a loan for the purchase of this vehicle.

The final motion was "buy the fire truck and arrange the payment plan too best suite the needs of the city."

L. M. Burch was appointed to the Elba Board of Adjustments to complete the term of Mrs. Juanita Scott, who died recently. The term expires in August, 2000.

The city council approved a new six foot fence around the ballpark in Mulberry Heights. Grimes presented the project in two parts, recommending the city put up the outfield

fence and later when cash funds are better, complete the project. Council member Ben Carpenter made a motion to do the whole thing at once. Grimes and other council members agreed. The cost of the fence is \$4,636. That is for 1,109 feet of six foot high fencing, plus the related gates.

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Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported that the recorder for all phones and radios in the police department has arrived and will be installed in the near future. The equipment was furnished by a grant from EMA. The recorder will give a permanent record of all phone calls and radio transmissions.

Whitworth said he is working to again offer a direct link from business' security alarms and the police department. He noted that some insurance companies require this link as part of the insurance policy. The security firms will furnish the equipment but will not pay the installation cost. When Whitworth knows this amount, he will convey that to the mayor, who will work out the details with the companies involved.

Sue Atkins and Wanda Little addressed the council with complaints of rats, mosquitoes and sewage odors in their neighborhood. They referred to a petition, signed by several dozen people in the neighborhood, which had been presented to the City Clerk demanding

action. Another problem they mentioned was vehicles parked in the street, making it impossible for emergency vehicles to pass. The two said they believe the problem is coming from the property of Charles and Jackie Marler.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow said the city attorney was looking into the matter with the health department and some action on the problem is expected in the very near future.

Grimes closed the meeting with comments on the city's operating budget. He noted that revenues have been limited, with sales tax totals lower than projections. The shortfall is about \$40,000, but Grimes said during the last couple of months the flow of funds has picked up, partially to a better system of collection by the state tax agency over that of the private firm previously used.

Grimes also pointed out budget overruns in several departments. He attributed most of these problems to the extra manpower required during the flood and cleanup of the flood damage.

SUPPLUS EQUIPMENT TO GO ON LOCAL AUCTION BLOCK

County Commissioners get update on E-911

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission started out with what appeared to be a record-breaking short meeting but that was not to be. It lasted almost an hour not including the bill-signing session.

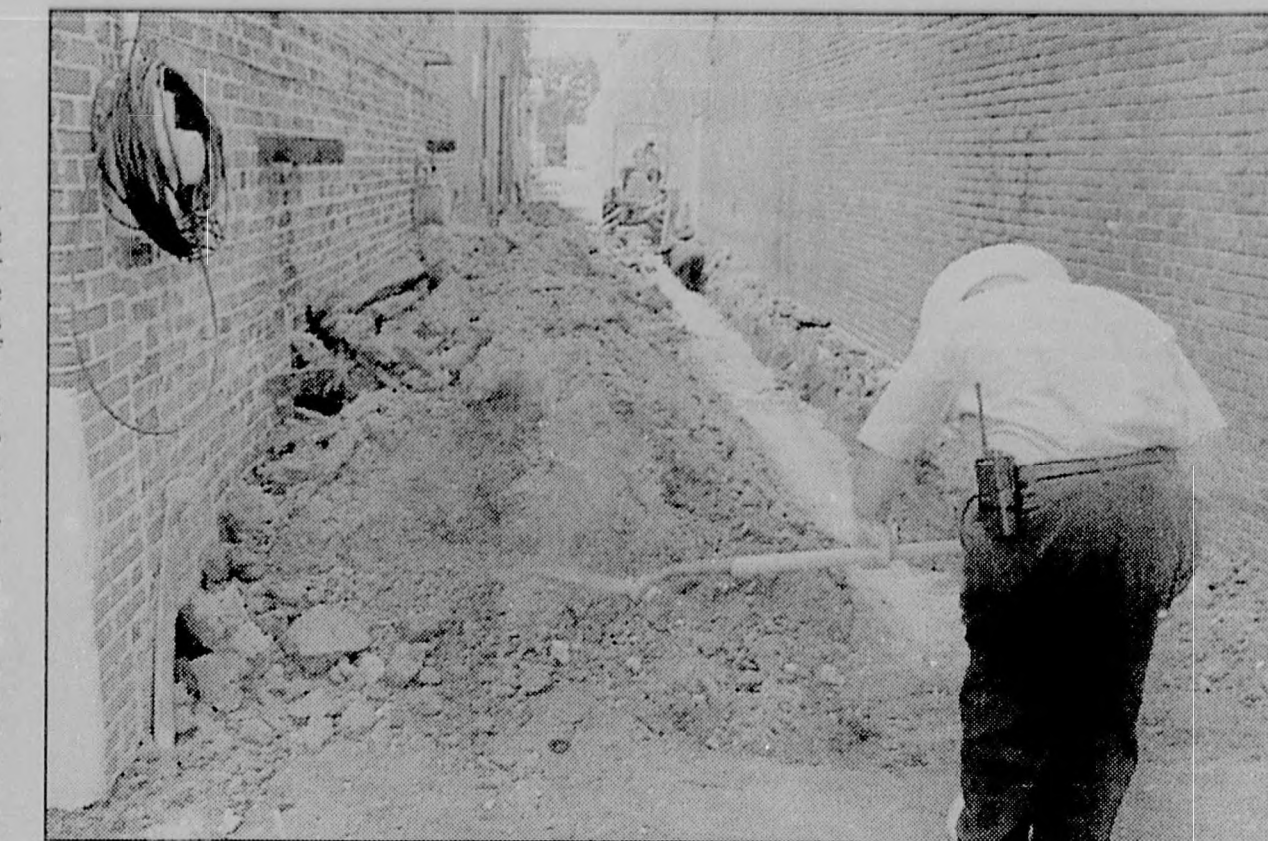
There were no items listed under either heading of old or new business; however, Charles Webb, director of Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency, gave commissioners a brief update on the implementation of the county-wide E-911 system.

He commented that the assigning of E-911 addresses for the county was about 99 percent complete for the whole county.

Webb told commissioners that one major move was being made this week in converting to the use of E-911 addresses as postal addresses.

All rural routes serviced by the Enterprise Post Office will switch to the address assigned to each residence by the E-911 addressing procedure as the permanent mailing address.

"Residents of all the Enterprise routes will be receiving a notice in



RE-ROUTING WATER MAINS...City of Elba Water Department crews are shown above making preparations to re-route a water main (6 inch) just off the square in downtown Elba. According to Supervisor Dennis Coleman plans are to re-route as many water mains as possible so that they are not located under city streets. This will eliminate the necessity of tearing up the streets, some freshly paved, to repair water leaks. The crew in the picture above is working in the alley behind the police department. Plans are to do the same thing on the opposite side of the square, behind Ace Hardware.

the mail that they should start using their new address now," said Webb. "By the way, that's being commonly referred to as the 911 address. I'd like to stress that's not just the 911 address - that's the new address - period!"

The director also noted that there are still those residents which have not responded to the request for information. "I'd like to stress that anyone who has not given us their family information such as telephone number, number of people in the family, etc., will not be in the emergency data base until we receive that information - so we need to hear from those folks," he said.

Webb told commissioners that he expected the rest of the county to begin switching to the new addresses real soon.

County Engineer Randy Tindell presented members of the commission with a list - and pictures - of "surplus" equipment that he would like to take to auction.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley also told commissioners that his office had eleven pieces of computer communication equipment that he would like to auction

off as well.

Initially, the commission, by a vote of 4-3 (Commissioners Bernest Brooks, Kayo Lewis, Robert Stephens, and Linda Westbrook voted aye while Commissioners Doug Dalrymple, Len Averett, and Tom Grimsley voted nay) approved Tindell's request to "carry" the surplus equipment to the J. M. Wood Auction in Montgomery and two auctions that will be held in the Dothan area in the near future; however, the matter came up at the end of the general business session and that all changed.

Tindell's list included 25 vehicles (trucks, cars, tractors and a crane) and various pieces of other equipment, tools and automotive parts. He commented that by utilizing a large auction, the county should realize a greater profit from the sale of this surplus equipment.

During the discussion of the original motion to follow Tindell's recommendation, Commissioner Doug Dalrymple commented that he felt county residents should have first opportunity at buying the surplus county equipment. He noted that several individuals had made this comment to him.

However, after discussion of the motion and comments on how this

could possibly be done the motion passed.

At the end of the general business session, Commission Chairman Robert Stephens brought the matter up again, and in fact, made a motion to rescind the original motion. After several minutes of discussing the motion, and ways in which to sell the surplus equipment, Stephens' motion passed by a vote of 5 to 2. Commissioners Westbrook and Lewis opposed changing the decision already made by the commission to follow the recommendation of the county engineer.

Then, Commissioner Dalrymple made a motion seconded by Averett to hold an auction in the county to sell the surplus equipment. This motion, after several minutes of discussing on how the auction should be held, passed unanimously.

The engineer was directed to coordinate the auction and secure an auctioneer firm to handle the sale. Tindell stated that he would try to arrange with the auction company to have other equipment from the surrounding area brought in to help "attract" a crowd of buyers.

Tindell asked for the passage of a

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Area Happenings

FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH A Boston Butt Benefit has been organized to raise funds for the Josh Prettyman Fund. Tickets can be purchased at any local merchant in Elba or by calling 493-9059. The tickets are \$15. Windham Lumber Company will be the pick-up point on August 22 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Prettyman, 17, was seriously injured in an automobile accident on July 9, 1998.

RABIES CLINIC A rabies clinic will be held at the Elba City Hall on Saturday, August 15, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Dogs and cats three months or older will be vaccinated at a cost of \$8 per animal.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET The Coffee County Republicans will meet Thursday (TONIGHT), August 13, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. at PoFolk's Restaurant located on the Boll Weevil Circle in Enterprise. The formal meeting (after dinner and fellowship) will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Mark Fuller, District Attorney for the 12th Judicial Circuit, as the guest speaker.

CPR & FIRST AID CLASS The American Red Cross will hold an Adult CPR and First Aid Class on Wednesday, August 19, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Ft. Rucker. The class is open to the public and the cost is \$25.00. Individuals may register at the Ft. Rucker Red Cross Office or the Enterprise Red Cross Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. For more information call (334) 347-2461.

HRDC FACILITY OPEN Mary Phillips, director of HRDC, stated that the facility will be open every day from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for senior citizens to come in from the heat (if they don't have air conditioning). The facility is located at 127 Factory Street in Elba. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 897-2667.

Coffee County School System's 1998-99 year off to good start

Coffee County's schools got off to a good start when students returned to the campus on Wednesday of last week.

"We had the best opening we've ever had in Coffee County," said Superintendent Rodger Bowden.

Bowden commented the county-wide enrollment in the three (3) schools was down about thirty (30) students from last year's number; however, he added, this is normal and he expects this number to increase as the year progresses.

The board met last Thursday and held budget hearings and on Friday in a special called meeting adopted the largest budget ever for the Coffee County School System. This year's budget totals \$12,738,039.00. The 8.5 percent pay increase for teachers accounted for much of the increase in this year's budget according to the superintendent.

Superintendent Bowden reported that the system started this year with a balance of \$700,000.00 in the general fund and with federal funds added this figure comes to \$1,123,818.00.

He noted that the number of employees in the countywide system totals 241 with 150 teacher units. Of that 150 teachers, 135 salaries are totally funded by the state while 7 are federally funded and the remaining are funded totally by the county.

The board approved the hiring of one new teacher in Thursday meeting. Lisa Duebelt was employed as an English teacher at Zion Chapel High School.

Other changes in personnel were as follows:
***Julie Martin will teach first grade at Kinston Elementary School
***Delisa Parrish will teach first grade at Zion Chapel Elementary School
***Teresa Ward will teach third grade at Zion Chapel Elementary School.
***Faye Kelley will teach special education at New Brockton Elementary School.

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